BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

Representations have been received for inclusion of Nepali language in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution of India from various organisations. However, no decision has been taken to include any new language in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution.

Complaint against Group Commander NCC, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh

645. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a complaint regarding misconduct and embezzlement against the Group Commander NCC, Ghaziabad (Uttar Pradesh) has been received by Government;

(b) if so, what are the details of the complaint;

(c) whether the Non-availability certificates regarding the residential house in Ghaziabad submitted by the above said officer have not been found to be genuine;

(d) whether the officer concerned has been taking re-imbursement of rent while living in his own house;

(e) whether the officer concerned got a new telephone installed in his own house at the expense of the Government;

(f) the ranks and names of the Army officers, working under the command of the above said officer, who are living away from their place of actual posting, as stated in the complaint; and

(g) the remedial steps taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI LALIT VIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The complaint is mainly regarding officers staying away from their duty stations, installation of telephone connection at Group Commanders' residence and lack of discipline in NCC units under NCC Group HQ, Ghaziabad.

(c) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(f) 1. Lt. Col. 1. D. Sharma
2. Lt. Col. Gian Singh.
3. Lt. Col. Dalal.
4. Lt. Col. P. K. Nanda.
5. Major S. P. Kohli.

(g) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Military expenditure by Pakistan

646. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan continues to outspend India in Military expenditure proportionate to her population, Gross National Product (GNP) and every other index used to measure such expenditure in relation to capacity;

(b) if so, whether this poses any threat to the security of India; and

(c) what measures Government propose to take to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI LALIT VIJAY SINGH): (a) It is true that Pakistan continues to out-spend India in military expenditure in proportion to every index normally used to measure such expenditure.

(b) and (c) The high level of military spending in Pakistan is a cause of concern to us. However, all necessary measures are being taken to ensure effective defence preparedness.

One rank-one pension for ex-servicemen

647. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee appointed by Government to go into the demand of the ex-servicemen for 'one rank-one pension' has since submitted its report;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken thereon by Government; and